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1. PRES. FORD'S ASIAN TRIP

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PRES ARRIVED TOKYO MONDAY AFTERNOON PROTECTED BY

TIGHTEST SECURITY SEEN THERE SINCE WWII (AP TOKYO).

WP'S KILPATRICK AND AP'S SCHWEID (GLOBE)REPORT AIR-

PORT GREETING LIMITED TO TRADITIONAL 21-GUN SALUTE

AND BRIEF REMARKS BY AMBS. HODGSON AND YASUKAWA. FORD WAVED TO CHEERING CROWDS BEHIND POLICE BARRICADES, THEN BOARDED SPECIAL CHOPPER FOR GUEST HOUSE WHERE EMPEROR WILL LEAD CEREMONIAL WELCOME TUESDAY. ABOUT 2,200 PROTESTORS WERE GATHERED AT FIVE POINTS AROUND AIRPORT, BUT NO IMMEDIATE REPORTS OF CLASHES WITH POLICE.

IN TOKYO, OBERDORFER (WP) REPORTS MOST EXTENSIVE SECURITY NETWORK IN POSTWAR JAPANESE HISTORY GREETED PRES ON ARRIVAL AT HANEDA AIRPORT. SOME 25,000 POLICE WERE ASSIGNED TO AIRPORT, GUEST HOUSE, EMBASSIES, GOVT BUILDINGS AND KEY ROADWAYS TO THWART EXPECTED RADICAL DEMONSTRATIONS.

KILPATRICK RECALLS PRES VISITED JAPAN FOUR TIMES AS CONGRESSMAN AND SAW MUCH MORE OF COUNTRY AND PEOPLE THEN THAN HE WILL ON THIS RIGIDLY SCHEDULED, GUARDED VISIT THAT WILL GIVE HIM TIME FOR LITTLE EXCEPT FORMAL MEETINGS. YET BOTH AMERICANS AND JAPANESE, WHILE RECOGNIZING VISIT COULD HARDLY HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED AT WORSE TIME, ATTACH IMPORTANCE TO MEETINGS AS SYMBOLIC DEMONSTRATION OF RENEWED ATTEMPT TO CEMENT RELATIONS.

AP (TOKYO) REPORTS PRES APPEARED SOMEWHAT TIRED AFTER LONG PACIFIC FLIGHT, ADDS THAT IT WAS UNUSUAL FOR HIM NOT TO MAKE ANY REMARKS ON SUCH OCCASION AT AIRPORT OR EVEN AT HIS FORMAL WELCOME AT GUEST HOUSE.

ON EVE OF DEPARTURE SUNDAY, PRES TOLD ABOUT 200 WELL-WISHERS ON WH LAWN THAT HIS TRIP "HAS GREAT SIGNIFICANCE," BEING "QUEST FOR PEACE, TO BROADEN IT, TO STRENGTHEN IT." PRES AND HAK HAD SIMILAR MESSAGE FOR SEVERAL THOUSAND ALASKANS AT ELMENDORF STOPOVER (SUN'S TREWHITT; NYT'S HERBERS; AP, PHINQ). NYDN'S WIEGHART SPECULATES THAT TRIP MAY PLAY KEY ROLE IN KEEPING TANAKA IN OFFICE -- UNCLASSIFIED

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AT LEAST LITTLE WHILE LONGER. BEFORE HE RETURNS HOME, BECKMAN (CHITRIB) ADDS, PRES PROBABLY WILL HAVE CONFRONTED ANGRY MOBS OF JAPANESE DEMONSTRATORS, ENJOYED QUIET MOMENTS OF SIGHTSEEING IN KYOTO, TALKED TO US TROOPS IN SK AND RIDDEN TRAIN IN SIBERIA. WHILE OFFICIALS DO NOT LIKE TO USE WORD "SYMBOLIC" IN DESCRIBING ANY PRESIDENTIAL VISIT OR MEETING, WORD IS FREELY USED ABOUT THIS TRIP, KILPATRICK OBSERVES; FOR IN OFFICIALS'VIEW, CANCELLATION OF EITHER TOKYO OR SEOUL WOULD DAMAGE RELATIONS FOR YEARS TO COME.

TOKYO POLICE, WHO DESCRIBED PROTECTIVE OPERATIONS AS "UNPRECEDENTED," RAIDED HIDEOUTS OF FOUR STUDENT

RADICAL GROUPS SUNDAY IN EFFORT FORESTALL TROUBLE (UPI GLOBE, CHITRIB). AT SAME TIME, 2,600 HELMETED RADICAL STUDENTS STAGED ZIGZAG FIVE-MILE MARCH PAST GOVT BUILDINGS AND US EMBASSY, FOLLOWED BY ESTIMATED 37,000 COMMUNISTS AND SOCIALISTS, WHO SPLIT INTO COLUMNS HEADING FOR TANAKA'S RESIDENCE AND US EMBASSY. MORE THAN 60,000 OTHERS DEMONSTRATED IN MANY CITIES, BUT OBSERVERS SAID PRIMARY PROTEST TARGETS WERE INFLATION AND SOURCE OF TANAKA'S PERSONAL WEALTH.

CHITRIB'S YATES, IN TOKYO, REPORTS JAPANESE POLICE

SECURITY PRECAUTIONS SO VIGOROUS THAT SOME US DIPLOMATS ARE BEGINNING TO WORRY THAT PRES WILL FEEL MORE LIKE PRISONER THAN STATE GUEST IN JAPAN. AIDES WHO ARRIVED IN TOKYO ALMOST MONTH AGO HAD ORIGINALLY REQUESTED PERMISSION FOR PRES TO CONDUCT STREET CORNER HAND-SHAKING SESSION TO MEET PEOPLE, BUT SUGGESTION "BROUGHT GASPS" FROM SECURITY-CONSCIOUS POLICE WHO CALLED IT TOO RISKY. THEY ALSO TURNED BACK IDEA THAT FORD TAKE BRIEF SWIM AT HOTEL NEAR GUEST HOUSE, FEARING RADICALS MIGHT POISON POOL. THEN, IN ONE OF "MORE AMBITIOUS MOVES IN POLICE ANNALS," TOKYO POLICE ALLEGEDLY BOOKED TOP NINE FLOORS OF HOTEL WHICH OVERLOOKS GUEST HOUSE GROUNDS IN ORDER TO KEEP ASSASSINS FROM CHECKING IN. IN ADDITION, SPECIALLY SELECTED POLICE "SACRIFICE SQUAD" HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO SURROUND FORD AT ALL TIMES, INSTRUCTED TO "ACT UNCLASSIFIED

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AS A HUMAN SHIELD". IN EYES OF MANY OFFICIALS OF BOTH COUNTRIES, MAJOR OBJECTIVE OF VISIT -- REAFFIRMATION OF GOODWILL IN US-JAPAN RELATIONS -- WILL BE ACHIEVED MOMENT PRES SETS FOOT IN JAPAN, PROVIDING NO INCIDENTS MAR OCCASION, SAYS GLOBE'S STORIN FROM TOKYO. NOTES JAPAN PRESS CLUB PRES WATANABE'S DISCLOSURE THAT WH VETOED EMBASSY PROPOSAL THAT PRES HOLD NEWS CONFERENCE AFTER PRESS CLUB ADDRESS.

AFP (TOKYO) REPORTS PRES FORD, IN REPLY TO KOMEITO QUESTIONNAIRE DELIVERED SUNDAY BY AMB HODGSON, SAID HE FULLY UNDERSTANDS JAPANESE FEELINGS TOWARD NUCLEAR WEAPONS, PLEDGED THAT USG HAS BEEN AND WILL REMAIN FAITHFUL TO ALL COMMITMENTS BASED ON MST. KOMEITO OFFICIALS SAID PRES ALSO EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT CONTINUATION OF TREATY WILL CONTRIBUTE TO PEACE. BUT KOMEITO OFFICIALS SAID THEY ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH REPLY BECAUSE IT FAILED TO CLEAR SUSPICIONS ABOUT PRESENCE OF NUKES (WP).

ACCORDING OFFICIAL GOJ CATERERS, PRES AND HAK WON'T SEE MANY KIMONOS OR EAT MUCH JAPANESE COOKING IN GUEST HOUSE, BECAUSE THAT IS WAY US LEADERS WANT IT. ABOUT 60 CHEFS, WAITERS, DRINK MIXERS, AND CHAMBERMAIDS FROM OKURA HOTEL HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO PARTY. JAPANESE HAVE BEEN WARNED THAT HAK PROBABLY WILL PASS UP DRINKS IN FAVOR OF DIET PEPSI. IN INTERVIEWS WITH UPI, OKURA EMPLOYEES SAID US PARTY SHOWED NO INTEREST IN JAPANESE-STYLE DINING ON GRASS FLOOR MATS (CHITRIB).

SCHWEID SAYS MEETING WILL COVER SECURITY, NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION AND OIL; BUT PRIMARY PURPOSE IS TO CALM FEARS ABOUT US OVERTURES TO PRC AND REASSURE GOJ THAT IT WILL BE PROTECTED IN ANY UNION OF OIL-CONSUMING NATIONS. ADDS THAT ADMIN IS KEEPING SK STOP LOW KEY, AND NOTES THAT IN DOWNTOWN TOKYO MONDAY, GROUP OF 200 ANTI-PARK SOUTH KOREANS LOUDLY PROTESTED SCHEDULED SEOUL STOP.
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MONDAY AM NETWORK TV SATELLITE TRANSMISSIONS OF JAPAN ARRIVAL WITH SIDE COVERAGE OF PRO AND ANTI-DEMONSTRATIONS. CBS' DUNNING COMMENTED THAT ONE RECENT POLL SHOWED ONLY ABOUT FIVE PERCENT OPPOSE PRESIDENT'S VISIT.

2. INDOCHINA

GAO BELIEVES DOD DISTORTS AMOUNT OF MIL AID TO SVN BY NOT INCLUDING PROCEEDS OF VIET SALES OF SCRAP LEFT BEHIND BY US FORCES, BUT CONCLUDES THAT "IMPERFECTLY WRITTEN LAW" ON MIL ASSISTANCE MAKES TRANSACTIONS LEGAL. REP. ASPIN SAYS DOD TOLD GAO THAT IT IS NOT REQUIRED TO DEDUCT SVN SCRAP SALES FROM AID BECAUSE SCRAP LACKS "REPLACEMENT VALUE." ASPIN ADDS THAT STATE AND DOD TOLD HIM NEITHER CONDUCTED SCRAP SURVEY AFTER US WITHDRAWAL. QUOTES HEAD OF US INTL SALVAGE FIRM THAT, BASED ON STUDY, THERE IS OVER 420 MILLION DOLS IN SALABLE SCRAP IN SVN. ASPIN CALLS SCRAP MAJOR SOURCE OF VN INCOME THAT COULD BE USED TO REDUCE US AID COMMITMENT (AP, SUN).

LAT (11/15) REPORTS SIX VIET STUDENTS FIGHTING FOR TEMPORARY ASYLUM TELL INS JUDGE AT LA DEPORTATION HEARING THAT WIDESPREAD TORTURE OF THIEU OPPONENTS EXISTS IN SVN. THEIR ATTORNEYS PRODUCE WITNESSES WHO ASSERT ALL SIX WILL BE ARRESTED ON RETURN, THOUGH DOS CONTENTS HEY WILL "FACE NO REPRISALS." JUDGE ALSO VIEWS BRITISH-MADE FILM CALLED "SOUTH VIETNAM: A QUESTION OF TORTURE".

3. CHINA

GLOBE (UPI) REPORTS THAT ACCORDING TO WEST GERMAN NEWS AGENCY DPA REPORT FROM PEKING, PRC OFFICIAL HAVE PASSED WORD THEY CONSIDER UPCOMING US-SOVIET SUMMIT TOO CLOSE TO BORDER FOR COMFORT AND HAVE LEFT NO DOUBT THEY ARE UNHAPPY OVER MEETING. "THEY SAID

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WASHINGTON MAY SUFFER EMBARRASSMENT" WHEN HAK ARRIVES IN PEKING NEXT WEEK. WESTERN DIPLOMATS IN PEKING SAID THEY FEEL PRES DID NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT GEOGRAPHICAL AND HISTORICAL CONTROVERSY OVER VLADIVOSTOK SITE.

AFP'S ROMENSKY CITES RELIABLE PEKING SOURCE THAT CHOU EN-LAI WAS OPERATED ON ABOUT TEN WEEKS AGO FOR STOMACH CANCER AND IS UNDERGOING COBALT RADIATION TREATMENT. HIS DOCTORS REPORTEDLY ARE NOT ABLE TO SAY DEFINITELY WHAT HAVE BEEN RESULTS OF SURGERY AND TREATMENT, BUT CHOU SEEMS TO BE RECOVERING SATISFACTORILY, SINCE CERTAIN DIPLOMATIC SOURCES BELIEVE HE SOON WILL LEAVE HOSPITAL (PHINQ, WP, GLOBE).

CSM'S WOHL, IN MOSCOW, REPORTS PRC MESSAGE PROPOSING SINO-SOVIET NON-AGGRESSION PACT HAS BEEN SHARPLY CENSORED IN SOVIET PRESS. TRUNCATED VERSION APPEARING IN PRAVDA NOV 9 CONTAINED ONLY GENERALITIES. SPECULATES THAT REASON FOR CENSORING MESSAGE POSSIBLY IS KREMLIN'S NEED FOR TIME TO FORM REPLY, OR PERHAPS DIFFERENCES INSIDE SOVIET LEADERSHIP PLAYED ROLE. ACCORDING TO ON-THE-SPOT OBSERVERS, SOVIETS BELIEVE DAYS OF MAO AND ASSOCIATES ARE NUMBERED, SO NO POINT IN NEGOTIATING MAJOR TREATY WITH PRESENT LEADERSHIP.

NYT'S WREN REPORTS SOVIET PRESS HAS BROADENED PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN AGAINST PEKING TO ACCUSE PRC OF ENGAGING IN LARGE-SCALE NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING FOR HUGE PROFITS IN FOREIGN CURRENCY. PRAVDA COMMENTARY SUNDAY CHARGED PEKING LEADERSHIP WANTS TO PRESERVE MACAO AS PORTUGUESE COLONY BECAUSE ENCLAVE IS KEY OUTLET FOR PRC OPIUM-SMUGGLING OPERATION IN ASIA. KOMSOMOL ARTICLE CHARGES PRC BUILT UP HER ARSENAL OF NUKES WITH HELP OF NARCOTICS SALES, WHICH ALLEGEDLY HAVE GROWN TO MORE THAN DOUBLE CHINA'S OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRADE TURNOVER; ALSO ASSERTS PRC IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MOST HEROIN SOLD IN US.

4. KOREA

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NEW DEPUTY PM NAM DUK-WOO EXPRESSES OPTIMISM ON ROK ABILITY TO CONTINUE TO ATTRACT FOREIGN CAPITAL DESPITE WORLD ECON CRISIS; CITES RECENT INVESTMENT COMMITMENTS BY US AND EEC COMPANIES. NAM SAYS ONE OF HIS FIRST ACTS WILL BE TO REVIEW INVESTMENT LAWS AND PUBLISH "CLEAR AND CONCISE" INVESTMENT GUIDE (JOC).

5. INDIAN OCEAN

FOUR-DAY 30-NATION CONFERENCE ON INDIAN OCEAN IN NEW DELHI, SPONSORED BY WORLD PEACE COUNCIL AND AFRO-ASIAN SOLIDARITY ORGANIZATION, ENDS WITH CALL TO OPPOSE PLANS OF BIG POWERS TO EXPAND MIL PRESENCE THERE (WP).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

6. PRESIDENT'S TRIP

SUN LEAD EDIT APPROVES PRESIDENT'S VISIT, NOTING CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE NEVER SEEMED RIGHT SINCE ABORTED 1960 TRIP UNTIL FORD INAUGURAL. US-JAPAN RELATIONS WERE UNUSUALLY FREE OF FRICTION IN SEPTEMBER, AND ALTHOUGH (THANKS TO NUCLEAR FLAP AND TANAKA'S "WATERGATE") CONDITIONS HAVE BECOME SLIGHTLY LESS PROPITIOUS, NEITHER DEVELOPMENT IS BEING ALLOWED TO UNDERCUT PRESIDENTIAL JOURNEY; MUTUAL LOSS OF FACE WOULD BE TOO MUCH.

ALTHOUGH SYMBOLIC ASPECTS OF VISIT REMAIN PARAMOUNT, MUCH OF SUBSTANCE IN US-JAPAN RELATIONSHIP DESERVES TOP-LEVEL UNDERSTANDING. MOST URGENT IS NEED FOR AS MUCH COORDINATION ON HANDLING OIL AND MONEY CRISIS AS DIVERSE NATIONAL INTERESTS PERMIT. JAPAN AND US WILL HAVE TO COOPERATE IN TRYING TO SALVAGE WORLD'S MONETARY AND TRADE SYSTEM, AND WORK IN REASONABLE CONCERT DEALING WITH CHINA AND USSR. TO EXTENT THAT FORD VISIT FOSTERS THIS BETTER RELATIONSHIP IT WILL INDEED BE IMPORTANT - JUST FOR HAVING TAKEN PLACE.

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CSM LEAD EDIT SAYS IT IS TIME FOR PRES TO BE EXPOSED FIRST-HAND TO FOREIGN POLICY BURDENS AND GET GLOEAL PERSPECTIVE; HAK CANNOT AND SHOULD NOT DO ALL HIS THINKING. SEES TRIP TO JAPAN AS HAVING SYMBOLIC IMPORTANCE - AND AMERICAN PRES PUTTING HIS SEAL TO NEW EVOLVING RELATIONSHIP IN WHICH US IS NO LONGER PATRON

AND JAPAN THE PUPIL. JAPAN - NOT CHINA - IS DOMINANT POWER IN ASIA AND WASHINGTON'S RELATIONSHIP WITH TOKYO IS VITAL TO WORLD ECON STABILITY. MANY QUESTION WISDOM OF PRES GOING TO SEOUL, BUT IT MUST BE RECOGNIZED THAT FAILURE TO DO SO MIGHT BE MISREAD EY 'K AS DIMINUTION OF US COMMITMENT THERE AND WOULD EMBARRASS SK VIS-A-VIS NK AND FORMER ENEMY JAPAN.

WOULD BE REGRETTABLE IF PARK INTERPRETED VISIT AS ENDORSEMENT OF HIS REPRESSIVE REGIME; PRES MUST MAKE CLEAR THAT CONGRESS AND AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL NOT TOLERATE CONTINUED SUPPORT OF SK IF HE DOES NOT ABANDON HIS DANGEROUS COURSE.

VLADIVOSTOK VISTT WILL BE CRUCIAL. FOR FIRST TIME PRES AND BREZHNEV WILL TAKE EACH OTHER'S MEASURE US AND USSR GIVE SIGNS THEY WANT PROGRESS IN DETENTE, BUT HOW MUCH PROGRESS WILL DEPEND ON RAPPORT ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE TWO. WITH OMINOUS WAR TALK IN ME IT IS URGENT THAT THEY REACH UNDERSTANDING ON THEIR GOALS IN AREA. THIS - PLUS PRESSING NEED TO BRING NUKE BUILD-UP UNDER CONTROL - IS REASON ENOUGH TO WISH PRES SUCCESS IN HIS FIRST MAJOR DIPLOMATIC VENTURE OVERSEAS.

LAT (NOV 15) THINKS JAPAN VISIT DOES NOT COME AT BEST OF TIMES BECAUSE OF TANAKA'S DEEP POLITICAL TROUBLE AND BECAUSE OF WIDESPREAD CONCERN AND ANGER OVER REPORTS OF NUKES ON US WARSHIPS IN JAPAN. BUT RESULTS SHOULD BE USEFUL. JAPANESE FEEL, RIGHTFULLY, THAT THEY HAVE BEEN IGNORED IN RECENT YEARS AS US SOUGHT TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH CHINA. JAPAN IS TOO SIGNIFICANT A WORLD ECON POWER, TOO IMPORTANT TO ASIA'S FUTURE, TOO CLOSE A TRADING PARTNER AND ALLY, TO BE NEGLECTED OR INSENSITIVELY DISMISSED IN US INTERNATIONAL CALCULATI UNCLASSIFIED

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NS.

SEOUL TRIP IS MISTAKE SINCE PRES' PRESENCE THERE ONLY SERVES TO BOLSTER PARK'S REPRESSIVE REGIME. THERE IS NO PRESSING POLITICAL OR STRATEGIC REASON FOR HIM TO GO TO SEOUL; INDEED, HE COULD HAVE IMPLICITLY AND EFFECTIVELY SHOWN US DISAPPROVAL OF PARK'S POLICIES HAD HE CHOSEN NOT TO GO. ON VLADIVOSTOK FORD-BREZHNEV MEETING, UNLIKELY TO PRODUCE SUBSTANTIATIVE RESULTS BUT PERHAPS HELPFUL PRELUDE TO FULL-SCALE SUMMIT CONFERENCE NEXT YEAR.

UNITED CHRCH OF CHRIST CENTER FOR SOCIAL ACTION
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LAROLD SCHULZ IN LETTER TO NYT
EDITOR SAYS KOREA VISIT HAS GRAVE IMPLICATIONS FOR

US FOREIGN POLICY AND KOREA'S FUTURE. THREE FUNDAMENTAL NEEDS HAVE BEEN ARTICULATED BY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, CHURCH LEADERS, ACADEMIC COMMUNITY AND OTHERS CONCERNED WITH PARK GOVT'S REPRESSIVE POLITICS:

1. RESTORATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRACY
2. RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS
3. LIFTING RESTRICTIONS ON PRESS.

IF PRESIDENT'S VISIT CAN HELP BRING ABOUT THESE OBJECTIVES, IT WILL BE WELCOMED. BUT IF THERE IS NO EFFORT TO SEEK ROKG ACCEPTANCE OF DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES, VISIT SHOULD BE RECONSIDERED.

ONLY PROPER THAT PRES MEET WITH RELIGIOUS, POLITICAL AND ACADEMIC PEOPLE OUTSIDE ROKG, AND "TRY TO SEE OR AT LEAST INQUIRE ABOUT" IMPRISONED BISHOP CHI AND REV. PARK HYUNG KYU, PROF. KIM DONG GIL AND POET KIM CHI HA. GIVEN ROKG'S REPRESSIVE POLICIES AND US SUPPORT, "WE ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED" THAT US DOES NOT AGAIN MAKE MISTAKE OF SUPPORTING GOVT WHICH DENIES ITS CITIZENS CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEES AGAINST TYRANNY

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NYT'S SAFIRE SAYS UNDERLYING REASON WE PRESSED FOR VLADIVOSTOK SUMMIT IS THAT OPENING THAT PERMITTED OUR CREATIVE DIPLOMACY OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS IS SHOWING SIGNS OF CLOSING. HAK IS DUTY-BOUND TO DENY THAT REASON, JUST AS HE MUST DENY THAT SINO-SOVIET SPLIT WAS SKILLFULLY EXPLOITED BY THE US. AS RESULT OF OUR "TRIANGULTION," USSR CHANGED ITS METHODS IF NOT ITS GOALS, IN PURSUING DETENTE; CHINESE COUNTERED BY BEGINNING "NORMALIZATION" WITH US AND LEVERAGE WAS APPLIED TO BRING END TO NEED FOR US INVOLVEMENT IN VN. BUT SOVIETS AND CHINESE COULD NOT PERMIT OUR EXPLOITATION OF THEIR DISAGREEMENTS TO GO ON FOREVER. THERE ARE SIGNS THEIR RELATIONS HAVE BEEN IMPROVING. SOVIET POLICY TOWARD PRC-USSR BORDER PROBLEM IS SHOWING SIGNS OF FLEXIBILITY; SO IS CHINESE. THESE SMALL STEPS TOWARD COMPROMISE ARE ACCOMPANIED STILL BY MUTUAL DENUNCIATIONS OF IDEOLOGICAL REVISIONISM, AND THESE TIRADES ARE LIKELY TO CONTINUE; BOTH NATIONS SEE NEED TO IMPROVE THEIR STATE-TO-STATE RELATIONS WHILE CONTINUING THEIR INTERNATIONAL PARTY BATTLE.

SAFIRE RELATES DEVELOPMENTS TO PROBLEM OF SUCCESSION TO MAO AND CHOU. DISCERNs EMERGENCE OF ANOTHER TEAM IN TENG HSIAO-PING AND CHIAO KUAN-HUA. WHEN MAO AND CHOU

ARE GONE, TENG AND CHIAO COULD LEAD COLLEGIUM IN MOURNING PERIOD. DURING THAT YEAR-LONG MOURNING, ANY CHANGE IN POLICY WOULD BE SEEN AS DISRESPECT FOR MAO'S MEMORY; ACCORDINGLY, CHOU IS CALLING FOR MODERATION IN STATE-TO-STATE RELATIONS WITH SOVIETS NOW, WHICH WILL MAKE IT EASIER FOR SUCCESSORS TO KEEP SAMPAN FROM ROCKING.

BUT SHIFT AWAY FROM NATIONAL CONFRONTATION MEANS OUR EXPLOITABLE GAPS WILL BE NARROWED AND IT WILL BE HARDER FOR US TO PLAY SOVIETS AGAINST CHINESE.

VLADIVOSTOK SUMMIT WILL BECOME SPRINGBOARD FOR HAK-CHOU MEETING. FOR THE CHINESE, HAK'S VISIT NOW IS USEFUL TO PREPARE FOR SUCCESSION, AND AS FINAL CHOU EFFORT TO PUT OUR FEET TO THE FIRE ABOUT TAIWAN. FOR SOVIETS, SUMMIT IS USEFUL IN GETTING PRES TO COMMIT MORE AID IN HELPING RUSSIANS COPE WITH FAILURES OF UNCLASSIFIED

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THEIR TECHNOCRACY. FOR US, FORD'S TRIP IS EFFORT TO STICK WEDGE BETWEEN THE DOOR AND DOORJAMB. SINO-SOVIET SPLIT WAS OUR ONCE-IN-A-GENERATION OPPORTUNITY AND WE MADE THE MOST OF IT; WE ARE HURRYING NOW TO GET AS MUCH LEVERAGE AS WE CAN BEFORE THE OPENING REALLY BEGINS TO CLOSE.

NYT'S HALLORAN IN TOKYO SAYS THE JAPAN PRES WILL VISIT IS MORE DISPIRITED AND DISCOURAGED THAN IT HAS BEEN SINCE THE TRYING DAYS AFTER WWII. AFTER YEARS OF SUCCESS, JAPANESE ECONOMY HAS FALTERED UNDER IMPACT OF OIL CRISIS AND INFLATION AND POLITICS PARALYZED BY INDECISION AND SCANDAL. JAPAN SEEMS AFFLICTED BY SAME MALAISE TROUBLING MANY ADVANCED NATIONS, A FUNDAMENTAL DISTRUST OF PEOPLE IN THEIR GOVT. LDP IS WEARY AND STAGNANT AND ITS LEADERS SEEM TO HAVE LOST FAMED JAPANESE ABILITY TO FIND COMPROMISE, TO OPERATE THE CONSENSUS BY WHICH THE NATION IS GOVERNED. DISAPPOINTMENT IN TANAKA IN PARTICULAR IS REFLECTED IN POLLS, WHERE HE RECORDED LOWEST POPULARITY OF ANY POSTWAR PREMIER.

SUN'S TOM PEPPER VIEWS PHRASE "TANAKA WATERGATE" AS NO MORE THAN CLEVER SLOGAN SIGNIFYING GENERAL DISCONTENT WITH TANAKA'S PERFORMANCE - HIS UNAPPEALING STYLE AS MUCH AS HIS POLICIES OR WEALTH. BASIC SYSTEM OF CLOSE TIES BETWEEN BUSINESS AND POLITICS IS LIKELY TO REMAIN LARGELY INTACT, BUT STYLE IN WHICH IT IS SEEN AND MAINTAINED WILL - AND HAS ALREADY - CHANGE.

CSM'S SPERLING REPORTS THAT PRES IS OFF ON WHAT ONE OF HIS TOP AIDES ADMITS PRIVATELY IS AN "EXCEEDINGLY NERVOUS" TRIP TO-EA WITH VICE-PRESIDENCY STILL VACANT AND WITH NEW THREAT OF ME WAR. NOTES CRITICS ASKING "WHY NOW?" FOR

ASIAN TRIP AND SUMMARIZES OFFICIAL PRESIDENTIAL POSITION
ON NEED FOR TRIP. CONCLUDES THAT PRES EVIDENTLY CON-
VINCED HE HAS MORE TO GAIN THAN TO LOSE BY GOING.

7. CHINA

TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL'S JOHN BURNS IN PEKING (CSM)
DOES VIGNETTE ON "URBANE, WITTY" NEW FM CHIAO KUAN-HUA,
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WHOSE ASSOCIATION WITH CHOU SAVED HIM FROM RED GUARDS
IN 1967. SAYS TIMING OF APPOINTMENT MAY BE RELATED
TO SECRETARY'S COMING VISIT; CHINESE MAY HAVE
FELT THAT CHIAO'S HAND WILL BE STRENGTHENED IF HE
NEGOTIATES AS AN EQUAL. THEY HAVE KNOWN EACH OTHER
WELL SINCE HAK'S SECRET 1971 MISSION. BUT
DIPLOMATS IN PEKING SUSPECT THAT THEIR FEELINGS FOR
EACH OTHER HAVE NEVER QUITE RECOVERED FROM STRAINS
OF NEGOTIATIONS WHICH PRODUCED SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE.

CHINESE INSISTENCE ON US CONCESSIONS OVER TAIWAN
PRODUCED DEADLOCK BETWEEN THE TWO THAT WAS NOT
RESOLVED UNTIL 5 AM THE DAY NIXON WAS SCHEDULED TO
LEAVE PEKING. AND MORE THAN ONE US OFFICIAL SAW
NEEDLE IN HAK'S REFERENCE TO CHIAO AT A PRESS BRIEFING
THE FOLLOWING DAY AS "THE VICE FOREIGN MINISTER WHOSE
NAME I DESPAIR OF EVER LEARNING TO PRONOUNCE" - THIS
DESPITE FACT THAT PHONETICALLY, "CHOW KWAN HWA" (SIC)
IS ONE OF THE EASIER CHINESE NAMES FOR AN ENGLISH
SPEAKER TO LEARN.

WHAT HAPPENED IN FINAL STAGE OF NEGOTIATIONS WILL NOT
BE KNOWN UNTIL HAK OR NIXON WRITES HIS MEMOIRS. BUT
IT IS FAIR SURMISE THAT HAK FOUND HIMSELF FACING
THE STEELY, UNCOMPROMISING SIDE OF CHIAO'S NATURE
THAT HE CLOAKS ON PUBLIC OCCASIONS WITH CHARMING
MANNER AND CONSTANT SMILE. MORE THAN ONE VISITING
STATESMAN HAS BEEN SURPRISED BY HIS ABRASIVE AND
SELF-ASSERTIVE MANNER WHEN CONTENTIOUS ISSUES ARISE.

AP'S RODERICK (GLOBE, NOV 16) CITES EXPERTS IN TOKYO
AS SAYING THAT CHIAO KUAN-HUA'S PROMOTION APPEARS
TO BODE WELL FOR SINO-US DETENTE. SOME OBSERVERS
SAW LINK BETWEEN PROMOTION AND HAK'S VISIT TO PEKING.
DIPLOMATS POINT OUT THAT CHIAO HAS LONG WORKED CLOSELY
WITH CHOU, ARCHITECT OF US DETENTE, AND THEY SAY
CHOU MAY HAVE APPOINTED HIM TO INTENSIFY THAT DIALOGUE
AT TIME OF INCREASING US-USSR DETENTE. RODERICK ALSO
PRODUCES BRIEF BIO SKETCH, NOTING CHIAO HAD WELL-TO-
DO PARENTS, TRAVELED IN EUROPE IN 1930S AND RECEIVED
PHD FROM TUBINGEN UNIVERSITY. HAS HAD CONTACT WITH
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AMERICANS SINCE SERVING AS LIAISON OFFICER WITH WARTIME
US MISSION IN YENAN. IS FRIEND OF GEORGE BUSH SINCE
VN DAYS, AND CONSIDERED "LEADING INTERNATIONALIST"
IN FOREIGN MINISTRY.

JOC'S STRAUSS, IN HK, CITES NCNA CLAIM THAT CHINA,
UNDER CURRENT LEADERSHIP, IS CONTINUING TO MAKE
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO WORLD.
INTERESTINGLY, ARTICLE (IN CELEBRATION OF 25TH
ANNIVERSARY) EMPHASIZED SCIENCE OF GEOLOGY AND
CLAIMED PRC PREDICTION OF EARTHQUAKES, NEW THEORY
OF OIL FORMATION AND CONTROL OF SHANGHAI'S ONCE
DANGEROUS SUBSIDENCE. NK-BASED GEOLOGISTS THINK
PRC MAY HAVE INDEED SURPASSED WESTERN SCIENTIFIC
LEVELS IN PREDICTIONS OF QUAKES, BUT THEY HAVE SOME
QUESTIONS. FOREIGN SCIENTISTS SHOULD HAVE CHANCE
TO FIND OUT IN NEAR FUTURE BECAUSE US GEOLOGICAL
TEAM WITH HEAVY STRESS ON EARTHQUAKE ANALYSIS MADE
MONTH-LONG TOUR OF CHINA LAST MONTH.
BUT IT IS IN AREA OF OIL EXPLORATION THAT CHINESE
HAVE MADE GREATEST ADVANCES, IN OPINION OF MANY
WESTERNERS IN THAT FIELD. SEVERAL GROUPS OF VISITING
SCIENTISTS HAVE SUGGESTED CHINESE APPROACH TO
SCIENCE IS WASTEFUL OF ACADEMIC TALENT -- REFERRING
TO GREAT AMOUNT OF TIME SPENT BY SCIENTISTS IN
MANUAL LABOR. BUT THIS APPROACH DOES SEEM TO HAVE
BENEFICIAL CONSEQUENCES IN TRAINING OF MILLIONS OF
WORKERS, AND POPULARIZATION OF SCIENCE IS THOUGHT
LIKELY TO HAVE PROFOUND LONG-TERM EFFECTS. PRC DOES

SEEM TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE BLIND SPOT IN SCIENTIFIC
FIELD: MATHEMATICS. PEKING IS PURCHASING THOUSANDS
OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL REPORTS DIRECTLY AND
THOUSANDS MORE -- ALMOST CERTAINLY US AND JAPANESE
PATENT REPORTS -- INDIRECTLY.

DESPITE WHAT WOULD APPEAR ADVERSE FACTORS TO FOSTERING
OF SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE, PRC HAS AND WILL CONTINUE TO
MAKE STARTLING CONTRIBUTIONS. TO GIVE CREDIT WHERE
DUE, IT WAS MAO'S OPEN-MINDED APPROACH THAT WAS
DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR RESEARCH IN AREA OF
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ACUPUNCTURE ANAESTHESIA, AND MORE SCIENTIFIC ANNOUNCE-
MENTS STEMMING FROM FOLK REMEDIES ARE QUITE LIKELY.

JOC'S NAMBEIL, IN TAIPEI, FINDS THAT AS ROC BECOMES
MORE ISOLATED DIPLOMATICALLY, IT BECOMES MORE SELF-
RELIANT ECONOMICALLY, AND THIS FACT IS EMPHASIZED

TIME AND AGAIN IN INTERVIEWS WITH ROC BUSINESSMEN. LOOKING TOWARD FUTURE, MANY AMONG YOUNG GENERATION FEEL THAT ONCE CKS-MAO ERA HAS PASSED, SOME TYPE OF LOOSE FEDERATION WITH PRC WILL EVOLVE, PERHAPS COMMONWEALTH SYSTEM IN WHICH ECONOMIC STRUCTURE OF BOTH WOULD REMAIN INTACT. SOURCES INDICATE THAT ROC MILITARY RECRUITS OF 70S SHARE NO ENTHUSIASM FOR RETURNING TO MAINLAND BY WHATEVER MEANS. WN

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GLOBE'S STORIN IN NAHA (NOV 17) WRITES ABOUT POST-REVERSION OKINAWA. NOTES THAT WITH SUPPORT OF ISLAND'S GOVERNOR, LEFTIST GROUPS CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR TOTAL REMOVAL OF US PRESENCE. ALTHOUGH REVERSION INCLUDED AGREEMENT TO REDUCE AND CONSOLIDATE BASES, WITH MUCH OF COST TO BE BORNE,BY GOJ, INFLATION HAS SLOWED CONSTRUCTION AND US STILL CONTROLS 22 PERCENT OF THE LAND. US OFFICIALS IN OKINAWA BELIEVE THEY EVENTUALLY MAY BE FORCED OFF THE ISLAND, OR THAT THEY WILL AT LEAST LOSE MANY VALUABLE TRAINING AREAS. ONE SAID THAT THE MORE IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS ARE BUDGETARY. SERVICES NOT RECEIVING BIDS ON CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS, AS MOST BUILDERS CONCENTRATE ON PROFITS TO BE MADE FROM EXPO 75. ONE BONUS OF REVERSION WAS CHANGE IN RENT TO LANDOWNERS WHERE US BASES ARE LOCATED. AMERICANS PAID ABOUT 10 MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY. DURING REVERSION PROCESS, LANDOWNERS BOOSTED RENTALS AS MUCH AS 10 TIMES, AND NOW THE RENT IS PAID BY GOJ. ONE OFFICIAL CALLED IT "A SORT OF BRIBE FOR OKINAWANS TO BE CONTENT WITH THE AMERICAN PRESENCE HERE."

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